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The President and Washington.

The President is making no out-of-town plans for the immediate future. He may remain in Washington several months. All depends on war developments. Matters have reached so important and delicate a stage, he feels he should be close to base while the situation lasts. He will take no chances, even with the railroads and telegraph in good working condition.

But let nobody think of him as a prisoner undergoing hardships. On the contrary, he will be, on personal scores, entirely comfortable in the most comfortable and beautiful town in America. Good roads all about. Golf links in perfect order. A climate which at this season is as glorious as "the glorious climate of California." The combination could not be improved.

This will be Mr. Wilson's third spring in Washington, but different from the others. In 1913 he was engaged in "shaking down." He was busy getting bearings, meeting party leaders, and arranging the details for inaugurating the New Leadership. He had neither time nor eyes for the miracle being wrought before him. The leaves and flowers and birds came and the air softened without stirring him.

Last year the season opened with Congress still on his hands, legislative matters a little complicated, party leaders, while obedient enough, complaining about patronage, and a rising fear that all was not going well. The White House was a sort of prison then, with the prisoner looking through the bars wistfully at the blooming outside.

This year brings a change. Congress is departing. Party leaders know their places, and Mr. Wilson knows them. No rival appears, or is likely to appear, disputing the next democratic presidential nomination. That is as good as settled. The days need not be crowded with engagements. He can consult his leisure and pleasure about seeing visiting politicians in town on the hunt of executive favors, and prepared to tell him that he is growing in favor with the people all the time, and certain of re-election by an enormous majority. He is able now to discount that sort of talk coming from such sources.

The President will, of course, have his hours of deep anxiety, but the feeling might be greater out of, than it must be in, Washington. A war of such magnitude, bearing so heavily upon us, touches everybody in the country, and the President necessarily the most heavily of all. His aim is, and will continue, to keep us out of the active features of the conflict; and that task calls for unceasing watchfulness.

Tidal Basin Waters.

It is unfortunate that the discovery of the pollution of the waters of the tidal basin to an extent prohibitive of its use as a public bathing place was made only on the eve of the passage of an appropriation to create a bathing beach there. In the light of the disclosure of this alleged insanitary condition the Senate has dropped the bathing beach item, but has appropriately called upon the Secretary of War for information regarding the nature and source of the pollution and the means whereby it can be eradicated so that these waters may be utilized for public bathing. It is most desirable that Washington should have a large, well appointed bathing beach, and there is no better place than the tidal basin for this purpose. The pollution of the waters cannot be incurable, and it is to be hoped that there will be no long delay in correcting the conditions and providing for the necessary work of installing the beach.

When Russia decided to abolish vodka it found no interstate commerce laws looming up with protection for the peripatetic speak-easy.

There is a consistent tendency to impress the fact that neutrality does not necessarily imply a comatose condition.

The Anarchist Plot.

An amazing tale is told by the New York police detective who, ingratiating himself with a group of Italian anarchists, remained with them for a year and finally learned the details of a plot to assassinate some of the most prominent men in this country and to destroy much property and many innocent lives. The culmination of this man's daring work was highly melodramatic. In order to trap the scoundrels beyond evasion or dispute one of them was permitted to place a bomb in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York during morning mass in the presence of a large number of persons, and was then seized by a squad of policemen

cleverly disguised as worshipers and scrubwomen. Later a comrade was arrested and a companion bomb to that placed in the church was found. Promptly denials are entered by leaders of the firebrand associations, who declare that the whole demonstration is a "plant" for the glory of the New York police force. This is inconceivable. It is by no means unbelievable that a bomb plot of the character alleged by the anarchist-detective was hatched and would have been consummated but for interference. Some months ago four men were killed in Lexington avenue, New York, by the premature explosion of a bomb they were making, and it has been since acknowledged by one of the radical leaders that these men were engaged in a murderous enterprise against the Rockefeller, though, as he is careful to explain, solely on their own account. There was no hint of police duplicity in that case, and there is no likelihood whatever in the present instance that the case is otherwise than it appears to be.

It is well known that Italian anarchists are organized in this country and endeavoring to promote their murderous propaganda. Much tolerance has been granted them by the law authorities, but they cannot be permitted indefinitely to preach their doctrines and to practice their devilish schemes. So long as they blow each other up in their experiments little harm is done, but that there is a narrow margin between security and catastrophe is illustrated by the latest case in New York, where a wholesale destruction of life was prevented only because of the courageous and intelligent work of a single man, through whom the criminal design of these enemies of society was discovered.

The Senate and Cloture.

Those members who favor cloture for the Senate are at last proceeding in the right way. Several weeks ago The Star pointed out how Speaker Reed reformed the rules of the House, and suggested that if the rules of the Senate needed reform the matter should be approached in the same manner. Such a course has now been ordered. A committee has been appointed to study the question of rules, and instructed to report to the next session. Mr. Reed proposed no action until he had gone into the whole business, and thus had fortified himself for the encounter. He won because he was right, and was able to convince the House of the fact. An evil existed, and had been employed to defeat good ends, and the House abolished it.

To be successful, this Senate committee must be able to convince the Senate that the freedom of debate in that body is an evil, and has been employed to defeat good ends. Otherwise, there will be a flash in the pan.

Strangely enough, this proposition is advanced in this serious form at the very time when full and free debate in the Senate stands credited with some notably valuable performances. It blocked a tariff bill which would have wrecked business. It forced changes in a currency bill which the whole banking world was insisting on. It reshaped trust measures which as passed by the House were a puzzle both to business men and lawyers. And, just now, it has halted a measure relating to the merchant marine which smacks so strongly of state socialism, seven democratic senators have refused to support it.

The Star has said, and repeats, that no important measure demanded by public sentiment has ever been defeated by a Senate filibuster. Whenever that weapon has been employed, so much doubt existed as to the proposition in hand the minority had the strongest claims upon attention; and, in time, general approval always followed success.

But, as the subject of cloture for the Senate is so often put forward, it will be well to have it thrashed out fully and formally in the manner now proposed. The Senate is the master of its processes, and if it desires to provide a gag for itself it can do so. It is well advised, from observing the House, about how a gag works and what it produces.

Let it be noted, however, that this report about limiting debate will be open under existing Senate rules to unlimited debate; and that fact may add to the gaiety of the session when the report is taken up. It is a long, long way to Tipperary.

None of the comments on sunken vessels undertakes to offer any adequate explanation as to how the recurrence of accidents is to be prevented.

No matter how many grand opera companies go into bankruptcy, the famous sopranos and tenors continue to send money home.

Indian Day.

An Indian day is urged by influential persons, and it is reported that Senator Poinsett has been in conference with the Indian commissioner, other government officials here and with representatives of the Indians, and he is reported to have said that he finds every one in favor of a national holiday in honor of the Indians. Though the idea may not have originated with an Indian, it has been pointed out in the news columns of The Star that "Red Fox James" rode 4,000 miles on his pony from Montana to the White House and presented to the President endorsements of his proposition from twenty-two governors and from hundreds of colleges, churches and other institutions throughout the United States favoring a national holiday in honor of the American Indian.

There is a good deal of praise-

worthy sentiment in the proposition, and it may prevail, but it should be borne in mind that the calendar is already thickly sprinkled with holidays more or less observed in the District of Columbia and the states, and that whenever it is seriously proposed to extend the list considerable opposition develops.

In the discussion of the proposed Indian day the phrase "national holiday" is being used quite freely. There is no such day in the United States as a national holiday. Congress has always stopped short at any suggestion to create a national holiday, eminent constitutional lawyers insisting that such power does not reside in the general government. The Fourth of July is not a statutory national holiday. Washington's birthday, Lincoln's birthday, Memorial day and Labor day are not national holidays, though they are legal holidays in the states. Washington's birthday and Labor day being legal holidays in all the states, Congress has declared certain days to be legal holidays in the District of Columbia and the territories. Thanksgiving day is observed as a nation-wide holiday, but is not strictly a national holiday, the President's proclamation of Thanksgiving day making it a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and territories and the governors of the various states, by courtesy and custom, immediately thereafter proclaiming it a legal holiday in their respective states.

A member of the New York legislature protests that lobster eating contests are cruel to the lobsters. They are also harrowing to the feelings of the innocent bystanders.

The closing of a Broadway musical comedy because the managers could not pay salaries should not be cited as an example of America's lack of appreciation of real art.

The interest in the possibility that big business would regulate the government has been replaced by interest in the government's efforts to regulate big business.

It is generally conceded that the European censors could obtain a large amount of interesting information by reading the American newspapers.

The fact that March came in like a lamb is not so significant as the fact that numerous bull moose show indications of becoming perfectly tame.

No scientist has been able to bring forward reliable information as to the age when "supernatation" precludes actual usefulness.

Allusions to a man as a "lame duck" have never sufficed to put him permanently out of the running.

The Dacia was not in a position to manifest any great surprise at the fact of its being captured.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Slight Absent-Mindedness.

"How are you getting on as the presiding officer of your new club?" "Pretty well," replied the emphatic woman.

"No trouble with parliamentary points?" "Not much. The only difficulty I have is to remember that you must hold on to the gavel and hammer with it instead of throwing it."

"Education," said Uncle Eben, "is what gives a man de outfit foh expressin' to de public jes' how smart or jes' how foolish he is."

Dissatisfaction.

When tumult agitates the scene
We sigh for peace once more.
When life is placid and serene,
We say that it's a bore.

Misapplied Wisdom.

"I told that young man to take care of the pennies and the dollars would take care of themselves."
"Did he heed your advice?"
"He says he tried to. But he seems to have gotten the wrong slant on it. He squanders nearly all his spare time playing penny ante."

A Sincere Investigator.

"You have been away from home some time."

"Yes; traveling in the interests of science. I have been engaged in some research among the rural population."

"Some question of agriculture?"
"No. Philology. I have been reading dialect stories, and I have been traveling all through the rural districts trying to locate a farmer who really said "By heck!"

Sidewalk Games.

A bird comes out and hops around,
And maybe tries to sing;
'Tis then you say in tones profound,
"This is no sign of spring,
Or some belated fowl
Who 'mongst the frosty shadows dim
Untimely seeks to prattle."

The sunshine may send gold across
The trees with branches bare;
The sighing southern wind may toss
A greeting through the air;
The anglerworm may venture near,
A transient warmth to meet—
Alas! He finds the atmosphere
A sorrow and a cheat.

But when strange chalkmarks you observe
On pavements here and there;
When curious line and mystic curve
For tribal sports prepare,
You know that youth has felt the thrill
Of earth's awakening joy.
There's no sure sign of spring until
You get it from a boy.

Open 8:30 a.m.

Close 5:30 p.m.

"THE BUSY CORNER" S. Kann Sons & Co. 8TH ST. AND PENNA. AVE.

Stationery Offer Tomorrow

The Well Known
Whiting's Writing
Paper

Regular 50c Value,
Special.
Box.....38c

Choice of new effects in blue, gray, buff and white. You cannot afford to miss this sale. People with a large correspondence always like to hear of these rare offers. Because of the fact that Washington women are known to use only the best in stationery we feel sure that this will meet with great success—therefore come EARLY for choice.
Stationery Store—Street Floor.

Something Entirely New!

As Usual First Shown in the City At Kann's.

Two-Toned Crinkled
Galoons

The very latest fad for trimmings—crinkled galloons—were never more effective than this. Choice of combination black and white, two-tone blues, sand and green and sand and blue. A "shimmering sheen" comes about as near describing this beautiful trimming as anything we know—you must see it to appreciate it. You may have that pleasure tomorrow. Will not lose its shape. Also effective as hat trimmings, belts, ties and dress trimmings.

Yard. 59c
Trimming Store—Street Floor.

A Very Important Sale Thursday

190 Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits

Latest Spring Models, Including Some Samples of Values to \$40

Choice, \$22.50

This is a remarkable opportunity for our patrons to secure some exceptional suit bargains. Suits of rare beauty and smartness—suits that possess genuine charm. We want those who are interested to COME EARLY, for there are only 190 Suits.

Materials are poplins, gabardines, men's wear serges, needle cloths, checks and crepe cloths.

Colors are Hague blue, putty, tan, battleship gray, reseda, also black.

All sizes for misses of 14, 16 and 18 years and for women 32 to 44 bust.

Garment Store—Second Floor.



Ready Tomorrow--A Great Sale of

1,850 New Untrimmed Hats---3 Big Lots

Shapes That Would Readily Bring Much More Than Sale Prices.

An unusual purchase at an unusually special price! A quickly seized opportunity to keep the maker's workroom busy is the reason for it! When you see the immense assortment of fresh, new, entirely different styles, note the fineness of the straws, then see the prices, you will be quick to get your share of this wonderful purchase.

Scores and scores of shapes in Fine Quality Hems, in Black and the new Joffre Blue (the very latest shade), battleship gray, navy, military, sand, putty, violet, burnt, tan, etc.

Large and Small Sailors, Tricorons, Turbans and Poke Hats are all represented. Two lots priced according to quality.

Choice at \$1.59 and \$3.50

9 styles in Untrimmed Black Hemp Hats in 95c this sale, each.

KANN'S NO CHARGE

Trimming Service

IS RENDERED BY SKILLED MILLINERS

Any of these hats in the sale will be trimmed FREE by our milliners, providing the trimmings are purchased in our Untrimmed Millinery Store. Linings are Free.



Black and Colored Quills, the broad kind. Special at 39c, 59c

Small Fruits and Flowers, new effects. A bunch.

25c to 75c

Untrimmed Millinery Store—Second Floor.



Little Ostich Stick-ups and Whip Combinations. Special at 95c, \$1.50

New Wings, smart effects, in black, white and colors, at 39c, 75c, up

When Washington Women Want

Variety--Style--Quality

--Effectiveness

In New and Attractive

NECKWEAR

At 50c

They pay the House of Kann a visit and are always sure of getting just what they want. The fact that we have just now one of the very best assortments of New Neckwear at 50c is enough to have a crowd of eager shoppers at the Neckwear Store tomorrow.

Hand-Embroidered Styles

Choice of full-rolled, semi-rolled and cape effects; some finished with lace, others embroidered or scalloped edges. Choice of pique or organdy with dainty hand-embroidered designs.

Embroidered Collars Values to \$1.50 each. 55c Choice

Choice of fine embroideries, on-taste with Venice lace, in the long shapes or round effects; also dainty white lace with a touch of black in new style.

Neckwear Store—Street Floor

In Stock Now---Plenty of Kann's Sea ed Record No. 88127---Celeste Aida---Sung By Caruso, \$3.00

Very Important Thursday Offer

High-class Sample Dresses

Values up to \$35.

Your Choice at....

\$14.95

It is quite the best opportunity offered so far this season, because it includes

Choicest New Dresses for All Occasions

at a price which is far below the price for which intended to sell.

Dresses that will be appreciated by women who want

Smart Fashions and Insist Upon Careful Workmanship.

Included are chic Eton, normal waist line and novelty effects—many of these dresses elaborately embroidered—others are plain. Spring's richest materials, including

Faillies, Taffetas, Foulards, Crepe Metears, Pussy Willow Taffetas, Crepe de Chines, Flowered Crepes, Embroidered Gold and Silver Laces.

A great range of the new colors, putty, sand, battleship gray, Hague blue, marine, king's blue, Vieux rose, etc. Choice of the entire collection \$14.95

Dress Store—Second Floor.



Thursday Special

At the Shoe Store

Big Reductions in Necessities for Every Home

Choice. All 25c Shoe Dressings & Cleansers INCLUDING

Albo (white). Clean All (for colored cloth tops). Sea Foam (polish). Sea Foam (cleanser). Gilt Edge (self gloss). Rep. Rus. Boston Water-proof. Whittemore's Gentle and Elite. Whittemore's shoe-clean. Whittemore's Dye. Whittemore's Bronze.

17c Each

Choice. All 10c Polishes at

7c Each

INCLUDING "2 in 1" usack. tan, white. Shinola Polish. Shinola Paste. French Gloss. Brown Polish. Cadet Polish. Baby Elite. Star Tan.

All 25c Shoe Laces, a 17c pair

All 10c Shoe Laces, a 7c pair

Shoe Store—Fourth Floor.

Plenty of the Window Shades

Left for Tomorrow's Sale From Our

Enormous Purchase and Sale Extraordinary

Included Are King's Imported Scotch Hollands, Wemple's Cambrics and Handmade Opaques

At Less Than 50c on the Dollar

Every shade complete with fixtures—Ready to hang. You know the reason—a maker (whose name we have promised not to give) closed his entire stock of ready-made shades—we were the fortunate purchasers—and at our price—therefore

25c to 59c Shades, 15c Each
Shades Worth to 25c 75c, at, Each
King's Scotch Holland, Lonsdale and Wemple's Cambric. White, red, ecru, brown, sage, blue. 12 to 34 inches wide, 4 to 6 ft. long. Also Holland Shades, 36 in. x 6 ft., in white, ecru and green.

Shades Worth to 39c \$1.25 at, Each

King's Scotch and Lonsdale and Wemple's Empire Cambric Shades; also Handmade Opaques, sizes 36 and 38 inches wide, 6 and 7 ft. long. Splendid opportunity. Shade Store—Third Floor.

SPECIAL FOR THURSDAY

5-Piece Set SLIP COVERS

Made From the New 1915 Spring Cretonnes

More Than 50 Styles to

Select From--Colorings

For All Rooms

We allow 25 yards of material to the set. When you realize that our expert workmen make the sets you will readily see the advantage of placing your order tomorrow. 5-piece sets made to your order.....

THURSDAY--5-piece Slip Cover Sets of linen, the Belgian cotton damask--allowing 25 yards--for.....

\$7.50 \$5.95

Drapery Store—Third Floor.

CREX Odd Sizes

In an Important Thursday Sale. Values to \$5.00. Choice at.....

\$3.45

Fresh, new, 1915 goods—perfect, pliable, wiry kinds, that will give long service.

Sizes 8x9½ Ft., 8x9 Ft., 8x8½ Ft., 8x8 Ft.

In green, blue and brown. It is because they are odd sizes that we can quote this low price. Get your share early tomorrow

Green Rugs—Plain or stenciled, 36x72 in. size. \$1.10 and \$1.25 val- 69c

Green Rugs—Plain or stenciled, 36x72 in. size. 66c and 75c val- 39c

Rug Store—Third Floor.

Thursday Special

Stylish New

Separate

Skirts

At

\$3.95

Good looking, well made styles, every one finely tailored.

New, straight-line effects, panel backs, side pleats, in all the new materials, including plenty of navy blue and black.

All sizes and lengths.

Skirt Store—Second Floor.

